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54. *Amendment of the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation.*

Mr. V. A. Ramakrishna Iyer also urged the desirability of amending the law in regard to the conservancy and improvement of towns. He went into the history of legislation on the subject, and suggested that the existing Regulation might be amended so as to provide for the following :—(1) appointment of a full-time President, (2) previous sanction of the Town Improvement Committee being obtained for the construction or re-construction of buildings within the town, (3) prohibition of the burning or burial of dead bodies in private compounds within the town, (4) protection to municipal servants in the discharge of their duties, (5) investing the municipal officers and servants with the powers conferred on police officers under section 122, in regard to the arrest of persons committing offences against the provisions of the Regulation, and (6) the compulsory registration of births and deaths. He spoke at length on each of these amendments and added that several other amendments were also necessary and said he would lay them before Government when the Regulation was taken up for consideration. He also referred to the financial aspect of municipal administration dwelt upon in the Dewan's address and said that, in any arrangement Government might make, they might be pleased to so adjust the resources that only those who could very well afford to pay might be called upon to undertake a burden and that Government might continue its liberal financial help.

Dewan's reply.—If the member will kindly note down all his suggestions and send it up, Government will consider them when they take in hand the amending of the Regulation or the re-enacting of it. I am thankful to the member for having dealt with the question so carefully.

55. *Establishment of a hospital for incurables in each Division.*

Mr. E. J. Cheriyan Kunju (Member, Town Improvement Committee, Alleppey) requested that a hospital be established for incurables in each Division at convenient central head-quarters, and that till Government found themselves in a position to establish such hospitals in all the Divisions, the Magistrates in towns might be empowered to send such incurables as roamed about the towns to the Tykaud hospital, after being duly certified to by the medical officer as to the chronic nature of the disease. The member said that there were not less than 3,000 beggars in Alleppey town and not less than five per cent. of the population suffered from loathsome diseases. There was an asylum at Alleppey 18 years ago and he said that it should be revived. If that was not immediately possible,

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he requested that one of the plague sheds at Alleppey might be utilized for the purpose.

Dewan's reply.—There is a hospital now at Trivandrum for incurables, which is not at all full and to which the incurables of Alleppey may be sent. But unless segregation is made compulsory, nothing can be done. We shall enquire into the matter. In regard to the proposal to use one of the plague sheds at Alleppey for the purpose temporarily, that also will be considered.

56. *Veterinary hospitals.*

Mr. M. Madhavan Tampi (Member, Kalkulam Taluk) suggested the establishment of Veterinary hospitals. The cattle in his Taluk numbered about twenty-five thousand, and in all the southern taluks, about a lakh and fifty thousand, and every year a great number of them was being attacked with various diseases and finally lost to the agriculturists. This, he attributed to the want of proper treatment, and said that a Veterinary hospital in the Division would secure the necessary relief.

Dewan's reply.—We have a Veterinary officer. It is part of his duty to tour through the State. Kalkulam will no doubt get a share of his services.

VII. Education.

57. *Primary education and manual training in primary schools.*

Mr. C. Krishna Pillai (Member, Trivandrum Taluk) said that, in the introduction of manual training, the initial step was taken by Government during the administration of that talented and generous minister Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, the father of the precious institution of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, but that his generous attempt somehow fell through, and that the country was looking forward to the present Dewan to carry out the scheme. He remarked that the existing system of education was one-sided in that it developed the literary side and produced men fit only for Government service. The supply in that respect was greater than the demand. Manual labour was being regarded as below one's dignity. They were feeling helpless and Government were not coming to their help. The member dwelt upon the merits and advantages of manual training and knowledge of the sciences, and said that they had contributed not a little to the industrial development, commercial activity and material prosperity of Japan, America, Germany and other civilized countries. He also referred to the astonishing progess made in Baroda in respect of

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